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SUBJECT: SPINOLA SUPPORTERS ARRESTED

REF: LISBON 1344

1. ARMED FORCES GENERAL STAFF (EMFA) ANNOUNCED AT 1.00 P.M.
LOCAL MAR 12 THAT CERTAIN SENIOR ARMY OFFICERS HAD BEEN ARRESTED.
GROUP CONSISTS OF KEY SPINOLA SUPPORTERS. NAMES FOLLOW:

-- MAJOR MANUEL MONJE, FORMER SPINOLA ADC;

-- MAJOR CASANOVA FERREIRA, HEAD OF LISBON PUBLIC SECURITY
POLICE (PSP);

-- MAJOR NUNO BIVAR, INSTRUCTOR AT MILITARY ACADEMY;

-- LTC ALMEIDA BRUNO, INSTRUCTOR AT MILITARY ACADEMY; FORMER
COUNCIL OF STATE MEMBER, AND SPINOLA AIDE BEFORE SEPTEMBER 28,
1974;

-- BRIG. MORAIS OF TOMAR GARRISON;

2. IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE OFFICERS, EMFA ANNOUNCED ARREST OF
FOLLOWING PARACHUTE OFFICERS: MENSURADO, ALMEIDA MARTIN,
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COSTA LEMOS, LEVI CORREIA, AND SEBASTAO MARTINS.

3. COMMENT: IT IS NOT CLEAR WHETHER THESE OFFICERS WERE
ARRESTED IMMEDIATELY AFTER COUP FAILED OR, INDEED, IF THEY WERE
ACTUALLY INVOLVED IN COUP. INITIAL GROUP OF ARRESTEES (REFTEL)
INCLUDED NAMES GENERALLY ASSOCIATED WITH ULTRA RIGHT, AND EXCEPT
FOR COL. DURAO DID NOT INCLUDE INDIVIDUALS CLOSELY ASSOCIATED
WITH SPINOLA.

4. IN WAKE OF RECENT MODERATE RESURGENCE WITHIN AFM, IT SEEMS
CLEAR THAT AFM RADICALS HAVE TAKEN THIS OPPORTUNITY TO GATHER UP
SPINOLISTAS IN SAME NET AS MAR 11 COUP PLOTTERS.
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